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1. E.I. MALIK, MFA DIRGEN, ECONOMIC COORDINATION AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, SPECULATED TO ECONCOUNSELOR AND EMBOFF IN MEETING DECEMBER 3 THAT REPORT OF POSSIBLE UNCTAD MEETING DISCUSSED REF C MIGHT BE DUE TO THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM SCHEDULED TO BE HELD KARACHI JANUARY 6-11, 1975. HE STATED THAT THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY MAHBUB-UL-HAQ, IBRD SENIOR ECONOMIST. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THIS MEETING ARE UNCTAD SEC GEN AND HENRIQUE IGLACIAS (PHONETIC), A NATIVE OF URUGUAY.

2. MAHBUB-UL-HAQ MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A CONFERENCE TO GOP FORMIN AZIZ AHMAD DURING A VISIT TO WASHINGTON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. AHMAD COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA. HAQ INTERPRETED THIS TO BE OFFICIAL GOP APPROVAL AND PROCEEDED TO MAKE DEFINITE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT KARACHI. CONFERENCE

WILL BE PRIVATE BUT GOP STATE BANK WILL ARRANGE FACILITIES AT KARACHI. MALIK WAS UNAWARE OF HOW CONFERENCE WOULD BE FINANCED BUT STATED THAT GOP WOULD NOT PAY FOR ANY COSTS OTHER THAN A POSSIBLE DINNER. HE COMMENTED THAT PM BHUTTO HAS NOT YET APPROVED CONFERENCE BUT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DIFFICULTY IN THIS REGARD. PM WILL BE ASKED GIVE OPENING ADDRESS.

3. MALIK STATED THAT ABOUT 65 LEADING ECONOMISTS FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS AND PRESENT PAPERS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.
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